

(b) if so, whether emphasis has been laid on the scheme which may earn foreign exchange;

(c) if so, the whether the Government propose to encourage various activities such as conference, shopping, leisure, adventure and cultural tourism on priority basis for the promotion of tourism;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether attention has been paid for providing world class accommodation to attract tourists; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to achieve the goal?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) :

(a) The National Action Plan for Tourism-1992 had set a target of five million foreign tourism arrivals which was proposed to be achieved by the turn of the century. However, the Working Group for the Ninth Five Year Plan reviewed the target and considered an 8% growth in tourist arrivals as feasible during the Ninth Five Year Plan period.

(b) to (d) The development of tourism is a continuous process and it involves improvement of infrastructural facilities, publicity and promotion and development of human resources. Efforts are also being made to diversify the tourism product of India including conference and convention, shopping, leisure, adventure and cultural tourism.

(e) and (f) Hotels & tourism related industries have been declared as a priority sector for foreign investment and a number of incentives have been made available for attracting private investment in the construction of world class accommodation units.

[Translation]

Development of Primary Education

896. SHRI D.P. YADAV :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news-item captioned "No primary education for 32m in India : WB" appearing in the *Hindustan Times* dated June 6, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to improve the situation;

(d) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to tackle the challenges of primary education development;

(e) whether World Bank has been assisting the Government for the development of primary education; and

(f) if so, since when, and the quantum of aid granted so far and utilised, State-wise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) Yes, Sir. The news item refers to the report published by the World Bank titled, "Primary Education in India" in March, 1997.

(b) The report is based on a study by the World Bank staff and synthesises the various research studies undertaken in the field of primary education from time to time. The judgements made therein do not necessarily reflect the view point of Government of India.

(c) and (d) Promotion of primary education has been primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments for universalisation of primary education by providing financial assistance under various Centrally sponsored schemes which include Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education, Non-Formal Education Programme, National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education commonly known as Mid-day Meals Scheme and District Primary Education Programme. Besides certain externally aided projects are also being implemented in various States to deal with State specific problems. These include:

- (i) Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Project (Assisted by World Bank)
- (ii) Bihar Education Project (Assisted by UNICEF)
- (iii) Rajasthan Shiksha Karmi Project/Lok Jumbish Project (Assisted by Swedish International Development Authority)
- (iv) Mahila Samakhya Project (Assisted by Dutch Government)
- (v) Andhra Pradesh Primary Education Project (Assisted by British Overseas Development Administration)

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

The quantum of World Bank aid granted for U.P. Basic Education Project and DPEP.

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Project	Amount of Grant	Period
UP Basic Education Project	575.00	1993-2000
DPEP Phase-I	806.00	1994-2002
DPEP Phase-II	1480.00	1996-2002

State-wise Expenditure incurred/Reimbursement received from World Bank upto 31.03.1997 under DPEP and UP Basic Education Project

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	State	Cumulative Expenditure upto 31.03.1997	Reimbursement received from World Bank
1.	Assam	27.07	24.20
2.	Haryana	27.45	24.60
3.	Karnataka	34.26	30.53
4.	Kerala	22.40	20.35
5.	Maharashtra	47.05	41.92
6.	Tamil Nadu	24.70	22.23
7.	Uttar Pradesh	352.00	305.00

Proposal to Scrap Caste based Regiments

897. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to scrap the caste based regiments in vogue since pre-independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The post independence policy of the Government is not to raise any new regiment after a community, class, religion or region. However, the existing regiments named after a community/class/religion/region of the pre-independence era are being retained for morale, motivational and historical reasons.

Compensation to Peasants

898. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether eight lakh peasants whose lands were acquired for the construction of the Ganga barrage in Kanpur and New city agitating for the compensation at market rates and are facing starvation due to unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the administration is not paying any compensation inspite of availability of funds;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to intervene into the matter to solve this problem; and

(e) the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid to the peasants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) So far 21.975 hectares land of 38 cultivators has been acquired by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for construction of Ganga Barrage at Kanpur and the compensation for this land has been paid in April-May, 1997. No land has so far been acquired for the new Kanpur city.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

[English]

Supply of Paper to IGNOU

899. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about awarding of contractship of supply of certain papers to IGNOU;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to cancel the contract to those factories; and